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Date: November 7, 1951

To: Director  
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2430 F Street, N. W.  
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Attention: Major General E. G. Ryman  
Office of Special Operations

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ITAL CHAISETILI, et al  
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Attached hereto is a memorandum containing information from an informant of unknown reliability which is self-explanatory.

The files of this Bureau contain no information identifiable with the persons named in attached memorandum except as set forth therein or as set forth in the report of Special Agent Joseph J. Felgute dated at New York on May 25, 1951, entitled "Georgian American League, Inc., aka, Georgian Empire Committee, Internal Security - R, Registration Act," a copy of which was forwarded to your agency on June 16, 1951.

Investigation is now in progress to determine activities of persons named by informant as Soviet espionage agents in the United States.

A copy of the attached memorandum has been furnished to the Department of the Army with the request for information concerning persons named therein presently available or information which might be developed concerning them.

Attachment

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It would be appreciated if you would furnish this Bureau information in your files concerning persons named in attached memorandum and if you would conduct an investigation in Switzerland to determine if these persons reportedly residing in Switzerland are engaged in Soviet espionage.

The informant has stressed the confidential nature of this information and it is therefore requested that no dissemination of it be made outside of your agency.

Since we are unable to evaluate the information furnished by the informant at the present time, we would appreciate receiving any information or comments which would assist us in evaluating informant's story.

In view of the nature of the information furnished by informant, it is suggested that this matter be given urgent attention.

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RE: ITALY - HAWAII,

Informant advised that in 1944 while in Copenhagen, Denmark, he met an old friend of his, one Carl Bulkeith, whose true name is George Matlechaupt, a cousin of General Butov, formerly of the Russian Imperial Army. Informant stated that Bulkeith worked during World War II as an agent for the Kappelmann, Chief of the Eastern Staff of the German Customs until the conclusion of Germany. Informant stated that he again met Bulkeith in Hamburg, Germany in November, 1945, at which time they discussed the activities and whereabouts of Engelhardt. Informant said that Bulkeith told him that he had heard that Engelhardt was then working as a Soviet agent and was residing in Geneva, Switzerland. Informant claimed that subsequently in the latter part of 1945 or early part of 1946 Bulkeith told him that he had received a letter from Engelhardt offering Bulkeith a job along the same lines that both were engaged in during World War II.

Informant said that at this time he and Bulkeith desired to know exactly what type of work Engelhardt was engaged in and composed a letter to Engelhardt in which Bulkeith stated that he did not want to work for the "dirty Americans or Englishmen." Informant stated that several weeks later Engelhardt's mother, who resides in Munich, Germany, delivered a personal letter to Bulkeith in Hamburg, Germany, in which Engelhardt stated that the offered job consisted of working for the Soviets and that if Bulkeith accepted the job, he was to meet in Zürich or near Zurich, Switzerland. Informant stated he con inced Bulkeith to accept the job with Engelhardt and financed Bulkeith's trip to meet Engelhardt in Switzerland. Informant stated that he made arrangements with Bulkeith at that time that Bulkeith would furnish him all information coming to his attention concerning Engelhardt's activities. Informant said that Bulkeith met Engelhardt in Switzerland as arranged and agreed to work for him and that since early 1946 Bulkeith had been working as a double agent for Engelhardt in Hamburg, Germany, obtaining information concerning anti-Communist groups working with the Communist Party underground and reporting the activities of certain individuals in that area to Engelhardt. Informant said that Bulkeith receives \$500 dollars a month from Engelhardt for his work.

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Informant further stated that he received a letter from Bulleitoff dated October 7, 1951, in which Bulleitoff promised to continue to furnish information and stated that one of informant's contacts in Germany had succeeded in obtaining a position in the Central Post Office in Berlin, Germany, and was now in a position to intercept and photograph sensitive correspondence passing through the Post Office.

Informant described Bulleitoff as 40 years old, white, height 5'6", 160 pounds and 55-100.

Informant claims that another source of information in Germany was one Blumhodas, who about three months ago committed suicide by taking poison in Berlin, Germany. Informant stated that Blumhodas until his death was the director of one "Michael Radij, Inc." in the Soviet section of Berlin. In this connection informant stated that Blumhodas resides in Czechoslovakia and is the director of Soviet intelligence activities in Czech and Germany, C.R.S.D. Informant stated that Radij is the chief representative director of all Soviet espionage agencies in Europe and that during World War II Radij worked for Blumhodas in the Soviet section. Informant said that Radij also resided in Czechoslovakia, and that Blumhodas had been intimately associated with him since 1942. Informant stated that Blumhodas and Blumhodas were childhood friends and that she had been furnishing her information concerning the activities of Radij and Soviet agents working for Radij since 1942. Informant stated that Blumhodas had access to all secret documents in Radij's possession and that photostatic copies of a great number of these documents were furnished to her by Blumhodas.

Informant stated that the following information was furnished him by Blumhodas and Carl Bulleitoff and verified to informant's satisfaction by documents furnished to him by those individuals. Informant said that the headquarters of the International Red Cross is located in Geneva, Switzerland, and that the Republic of Georgia, Russia, has a delegation there. He stated that an I.R.C. agent named Ivan Kotschvitz is in charge of this delegation in Geneva. Informant stated that the delegation at the International Red Cross is financed by the Red Cross of the U.S.S.R. and that they would desire to send an I.R.C.

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soviet agent to a country outside of Europe, they send that individual to Juan Hatchbill, who in turn obtains an identification card for the agent from the International Red Cross. The KGB agent, according to informant, then proceeds to the country of his assignment. Informant stated that Juan Hatchbill is the Soviet principal of Michael Radif and that Radif is the contact principal of Engelhardt. Informant claims that Vina Althaus was also very friendly with Juan Hatchbill and had stolen or photostated a number of secret documents in Hatchbill's possession which she turned over to the informant. Informant stated that Soviet agents working directly for Engelhardt are not sent by the KGB but that Engelhardt selects his own personnel which are subsequently checked out by the KGB. Informant stated that the KGB agents who are furnished identification cards of the International Red Cross are primarily engaged in obtaining military information.

Informant advised that he has known one "School" Althaus in Europe since about 1941 and has known him personally since 1944. Informant said that Althaus in 1944 was working for Michael Radif when Radif was working for the German Gestapo. Informant said that he has heard that Radif at the time he was working for the German Gestapo was in reality working as an agent for the Soviets. Informant said that School Althaus is currently residing in Berlin, Germany, and is on the payroll of the Counterintelligence Corps as an undercover agent. Informant stated that Althaus is in reality a Soviet agent and that his contact principal is Michael Radif in Geneva, Switzerland. Informant said that the Counterintelligence Corps has provided Althaus with a cover company known as the Auto Transfer Company in Hanover, Germany, and that Althaus has a brother-in-law who is a doctor and also arrived in the United States about one year ago. Informant advised that Michael Althaus is a member of the Georgian Association in Poland and Althaus may have been friendly to Germany during the Hitler regime.

Informant advised that Sergei Agakhanov, the so-called head of the Georgian government in exile in Paris, France, has no authority over the Georgian delegation at the International Red Cross and neither Fletcher Eyettakov is aware of his existence. Informant said that the Georgian group, of which Agakhanov is the head, is the "fifth" group of the Georgian government.

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Informant advised that one Leopold Haselitz-Doschke, who resides in Berlin, Germany, is engaged in secret work for the Soviets. He claims that Haselitz-Doschke's "best superior is an NKVD agent, one Klimenkovitch who resides in Bern, Switzerland. Klimenkovitch is described as an attorney by profession and works as a consultant for the Soviet embassy in Geneva, Switzerland. Informant stated that in 1943 about 50 persons were accused and brought to trial in Berlin, Germany, for collaborating with the Nazis during World War II. Klimenkovitch allegedly defended those persons who were subsequently acquitted. Informant said that Haselitz-Doschke resided in Berlin, Germany, at the end of World War II and acted as an interpreter for the Soviet military authorities and at the same time informed on white Russian officers. Informant described Haselitz-Doschke as white, age 45, height 5'2", weight 170 pounds, brown hair, receding hairline, stocky build, former Russian captain of fleet, divorced, resided in Germany with an unidentified woman.

Informant claimed he received information from the NKVD under Dr. Karpov that one GRIGORIEVICH FRANZEL (also known as FRANGEL) was a Soviet agent working for Klimenkovitch. Informant stated that subsequently Franzel admitted to him that he was Klimenkovitch's son and had received several thousand marks for his services. Informant stated that recently Franzel's wife and child child have been permitted to go to Switzerland for treatment. Franzel is reportedly a cousin of Haselitz. Informant described Franzel as white, height 5'6", weight 170 pounds, slender build, brown hair, brown complexion, large lower lip.

Informant stated that Fossli, Vayday and Fossli (last name) residing at 1000 West Foster Street, Chicago, Illinois, are Soviet agents. He stated that they arrived in the United States about six or seven months ago and that both were communists for approximately one year prior to coming to the United States. Informant said that these individuals were not sent to the United States through Leon Trotsky in Geneva, Switzerland, and claimed to have documentary proof of their association with the Trotskyite Communist Party and that they were sent to the United States as Soviet agents, which proof is hidden in Hamburg, Germany. Informant stated he has never seen Vayday but has seen Fossli in France; and described him as white, age 36, height 5'6", 180 pounds, brown hair, moustache.

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The files of this Bureau contain the following information concerning Yina Kitedze, wa. "Chetewitsch," who is possibly identical with the person of the same name referred to above, who was a contact of the informant. In May, 1941, a confidential informant of known reliability furnished the following information, the reliability of which has not been ascertained:

Reportedly Kitedze was born January 27, 1916, at St. Petersburg, Russia, of Georgian origin. She is described as a journalist, formerly residing in Vienna, Austria, but now residing in Munich, Germany, at Johannisplatz 28/III. Kitedze reportedly maintains relations with the Georgian Committee and also with the Miss Red Cross. She is suspected of belonging to a Soviet espionage ring made up of displaced persons. In 1940 she was in Berlin, Germany; at the Ostministerium, and in 1944 she went to live in Salzburg, Austria. About the beginning of 1947 she arrived in Munich, Germany, where she established contact with the Soviet Repatriation Committee. She registered as a student at the Pol. Schule, University in Munich in spite of the fact that she already had several diplomas obtained through her studies in Russia.

In June, 1941, the New York Office Department made a letter available to the Bureau addressed "To the Office of the 'A Section-Counterespionage' written by Jay Gitterman, Los Angeles, California; P.O. San Francisco 1. The writer alleged that one Nikolai Kotobek was a Soviet agent who, when he was in Germany, had been connected with one Yina Kitedze, Johannisplatz 3 (17), Munich, Germany.

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